

Religious Department.

Rev. J. W. MALCOLM, Editor.

HOME.

Thank God for Home! For Home thank God forever! My quiet center in a troubled world...

WHILE HE IS NEAR.

On one occasion when President Grant visited Boston, he was accosted on the landing of the stairway of the hotel where he stopped...

But his mother, who had borne with his waywardness from infancy, whom he grieved ten thousand times, who had remonstrated against his leaving home, against his entering the army...

"My good woman, I will examine his case as soon as I return to Washington, and if possible, will grant your request."

"But will you not forget it? Will you remember the case?"

"May I not urge you to take something to remind you of the promise?"

"I will remember," persisted the President, declining the proffered pledge.

And so the heart-broken, half-crazed mother believed the President's simple word, that amid his crowded thoughts and cares, he would not forget her poor boy; he would remember.

He did not forget him. The Secretary of War soon ordered that when this boy should deliver himself up at some military station, he should be discharged.

"While he is near." This mother's success, perhaps, depended upon that interview in the hotel in Boston.

FREE PREACHING IN LONDON.—A committee of which Earl Shaftsbury is President for promoting special services in theatres and public halls, reports that during the past winter 231 services were held attended by about 150,000 persons...

PERSECUTION NOT AT AN END.—Reports are coming from Japan that the native Christians are still suffering cruel persecutions from the government, in spite of their promise to the contrary.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS.—Mr. E. W. Clark writes to the "Evangelist," from Japan, that his scholars are not content to study the Bible with him, but that they have formed a Bible-class for themselves, meeting every Sunday afternoon to discuss the Japanese and Chinese translations.

OUR HEART IS IMPATIENT OF seeing its own stains, like the elephant which first troubles it, then stoops and drinks, when he can least see his huge deformity.

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THE IRISH LAD AND THE PRIEST.

The following anecdote was related by William Digby Seymour, Esq., a young Irish barrister, at an Anniversary of the "Irish Society of London."

The boy was taking a walk, when a father-confessor of an adjoining parish met him; and when he had spoken awhile with him he said, "You're a smart lad, you young heretic! Do you know, I'd eat meat nine Fridays running to coax you into Maynooth?"

"Would you?" replied the youngster; "I'd do more; I'd fast every Friday of my life to coax Maynooth into the Shannon." The priest was much surprised at this sally.

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BECKER ON PULPIT HOLLOWING.—In one of his lectures on preaching, at Yale, Mr. Beecher spoke strongly of the power of enthusiasm in preaching.

"I always hollow when I haven't any thing to say!" The worst thing about this loud preaching is, that it has a perverse tendency to be long. Instead of manfully arresting himself till a better time, the poor screamer screams on, hoping to drive himself as well as his hearers into a better mood...

SEEKING SOMETHING BETTER.—An association has been formed at Monghyr, India, of ninety Mohammedans, Hindus, and Bengalis, who are dissatisfied with their religion, and are seeking after more satisfying truth.

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Agricultural Department

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BONNER AND HIS HORSES.

In a late number of the Herald of Health, Professor D. Magner gives an interesting account of a visit to the stables of Mr. Robert Bonner, of the New York Ledger, whose ten superb horses have cost him the sum of \$145,000.

Every detail exhibited the most perfect adaptation and taste. Truly a palace would be a more appropriate name for so perfect and expensive a stable.

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CARE OF CALVES.—A celebrated Irish farmer gives this advice to one young in business: "As a breeder, you must be careful not to lose the calf-flesh. If you do so by starving the animal at any time of his growth, you lose the cream—the covering of flesh so much prized by all our retail butchers."

NEW MILK PRODUCING TREE.—A new milk-producing tree in the Valley of the Amazon has lately been brought to the notice of Europeans.

ABUSE OF OLD HORSES.

I feel a deep sympathy for old horses. It is a common practice in this country to make old horses break the colt and to often work with them for years.

Again, the old horse requires more time to eat his meals and rest his nerves. Of all animals the old horse is the worst abused. Although he has been our most faithful and profitable servant, yet in his old age the lash is applied to force out his youthful vigor.

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A MONSTER DUG UP.

The farm of Mr. Andrew Mitchell, about one mile from Cliville, N. Y., is, and has been for weeks, visited by very many people.

The farm which has so suddenly become famous was purchased by Mr. Mitchell, some time since, and in January he hired a man to dig muck from a swamp to place on the uplands, he himself being engaged in New York.

The man had excavated to the depth of four feet when he came upon an enormous bone shaped like a rib. He stopped work and informed Mr. Mitchell of his discovery, who thinking it must have belonged to some monstrous animal directed that deeper and more extended digging be done.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE GALLOWS.—In Springfield, Illinois, recently, two men, named Henry Stay and Edward Duffy, while in a saloon on Monroe street, got into a good-natured scuffle, in which Duffy was thrown rather violently, which irritated him to a great degree, and he pulled out a revolver, and after a few words with Stay, fired upon and instantly killed him.

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A HORRIBLE STORY.

Along—Six—Forty Days Without Fire, and Fifteen Without Food or Water.

An occurrence which makes the blood freeze within the veins of the reader, came to light last Monday, over in Clifton, Calumet County, Wis. Thomas Downing, who for some time has lived alone in a small shanty, back from any road, over in that locality, and quarried stone for a livelihood, was taken violently sick at his home, on the 22d of last January, with bilious fever, and was confined to his bed from that time until Monday, March 4th.

This certainly is a most singular case, which can be better imagined than described, and if Thomas is permitted by the gods to rally from his affliction he will be justified in advocating, to the best of his ability, the blessedness of the credit system.

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